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The Price of the Northern

Is now, as it has been in the past, \$1.50 per year. But we are making a special rate of \$1.00 per year to advance paying subscribers only. Do not expect the special rate unless you comply with the special conditions.

Additional Local.

The Free Baptist church will have a Christmas tree.

Attorney Smith of Decatur was in town yesterday.

Bert P. Bryant is reporting the Arnold murder case at Marshall.

The Northern wishes all its readers a "Merry Christmas."

The Macabees will elect officers on Thursday evening, Dec. 26.

The Bay View Club will meet with Miss Hope Tynes this evening.

John Emery of Gobleville has been visiting Paw Paw friends this week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Renwick Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p. m.

The miniature ship in Sellick's window is an attractive bit of window dressing.

Mrs. B. F. Heckert entertained 12 ladies at duplicate whist, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Murdoch is slowly improving, and great hope is entertained for her recovery.

L. H. Titus has purchased the H. P. Nelson property and will occupy it about April 1.

Christmas orders for cut flowers may be left at the postoffice with Merta Noyes, who is agent for Van Bochove of Kalamazoo.

Christmas trees are the popular thing this year. The Disciple, Methodist and Baptist societies will each have trees Christmas eve, with appropriate programs for the occasion.

Just as O. H. P. Sheldon was taking breakfast on the 12th inst., his daughter and two children from California put in a most unexpected appearance to him. It was part of a complete surprise planned by his family in honor of his 71st birthday.

A fine Christmas entertainment is promised to be given at the Presbyterian church on Christmas eve. A cantata will be given, which will be well worth hearing. A Christmas tree will also be a feature of the occasion. All who are to take part in the program, are requested to meet for rehearsal this (Friday) evening.

New Suits.

Ann E. Powers et al. vs. Village of South Haven et al; case, F. E. Knapen.

South Bend Chilled Plow Co. vs. Cutter & Butler; assumpsit. Titus & McNeil.

Marriage Licenses.

Cornelius J. Sebring, 21; Viola B. Green, 21, both of Alma.

Thomas Lewis, 60, Sarah A. Brown, 56, both of South Haven.

Lewis Chamberlain, 20, Gobleville, Myrtle Bacon, 18, Bloomington.

Leon High, 24, Decatur; Mary Roth, 22, Wayne.

Roger Yeakes, 29; Etta Bowman, 18, both of Kendall.

Moses Baldwin, 60, Hartford; Jennie Goodrich, 45, Covert.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a summary of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending Dec. 19:

Estate of Sarah S. Olds, deceased. Will admitted to probate.

Estate of Michael Lang, deceased. Will admitted to probate.

Estate of Geo. Labadie, deceased. Final account allowed; executrix discharged.

Estate of John Vogan, deceased. Petition for probate of will; hearing January 13th.

Estate of Michael Stantz, deceased. Petition for probate of will; hearing Jan. 13th.

Matter of Freeman Salsbury, minor. Lewis Salsbury appointed guardian.

Estate of William Stacey, deceased. Letters of administration de bonis non issued to Demetrius Ackley.

A Card.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their assistance and sympathy in our sad bereavement—the death of our mother, Mrs. Samuel Hayden.

HER CHILDREN.

Card of Thanks.

The family of Mrs. Durkee wish to thank those who kindly offered comfort and sympathy during the illness of their mother, also to the choir for music at the funeral.

MR. AND MRS. R. M. BUCK.

WALTER DURKEE.

MARY DURKEE.

McClure's Magazine for January is to have an article giving the whole story (never yet published, but long desired by the public) of Mr. Blaine's relations to his own candidacy for the presidency in 1884. It is written by Murat Halstead, whose opportunity for knowing all the facts was unequalled; and it embodies conversations with Blaine and an important unpublished letter written by him a few days after his defeat. Some very interesting portraits will accompany the article, and the Blaine letter will be reproduced in facsimile.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the register's office during the past week:

Eliza Hayden to Chas. Bolinger and wife; n w q 4 34 Alma; \$650.

Thos. Gould to Louisa J. Newton; n w q 2 26 Geneva; \$800.

Thos. Gould to Louisa J. Newton; n e q 3 w q 2 33 Columbia; \$700.

Mianda P. Gwynne to John McAllister and wife; lot vill Hartford; \$1600.

Charlotte Van Ocker to Lester Van Ocker; 10 a e h n e q 21 Covert; \$300.

Jane Ray to Solon Fuller; n w q n w q 9 Decatur; \$1273.30.

M. W. Humphrey to C. C. Chesebro; n w q s e q 16 South Haven; \$600.

A. S. Dyckman et al to Roy Hinz; 1 a vill South Haven; \$150.

O. M. Vaughan to 7th Day Adventists; lot sec 14 Covert; \$60.

S. P. Wilson to Chas. Allers; lot 7 blk 11 South Haven; \$130.

Spencer Beach to Eugene Allen; e h s e q 10 a and e q w h s e q 19 Porter; \$4000.

Eugene Allen to Spencer Beach; e 25 a n h s h s e q 35 Waverly; \$1500.

Catherine J. Parker to F. M. Parker; und h n w q s w q 2 Geneva; \$1500.

G. W. Nattzger to J. D. Nattzger; s e q s e q 5 Waverly; \$1500.

Butsey J. Lockman to J. Q. Streater; n 20 a e h s e q and s 20 a e h n e q 13 Waverly; \$1000.

J. C. Geunung to J. P. Warner; s e q n e q s w q 24 Decatur; \$600.

Martha B. Beatty to E. S. Briggs; lots 7, 8 blk 6 D & W add Paw Paw; \$1.

Edgar Buck et al to Juan McKeyes; 5 a sec 21 Antwerp; \$208.33.

Harriet P. Sternman to Charlotte Van Ocker; 29 a e h n e q 21 Covert; \$900.

Joan Field to C. M. Lanning; s e q and s h n e q 31, and w h s e q 32 Decatur; \$900.

Henry Stueckum to Thos. Stueckum; 9 a w h s e q 3 Hartford; \$300.

Wm. Bennett to V. E. Manley; und h lot vill Hartford; \$1300.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is pleasant to take, positively harmless to the most delicate constitution, and absolutely sure to cure the most obstinate cough or cold. A household boon.

School Notes.

Mabel Cumings will spend Christmas in Chicago.

School closes this week until Monday, Jan. 6.

Mrs. Harrison was a visitor the first of the week.

The members of the 5th grade have begun decimals.

Miss Bertha Bailey will spend the holidays in St. Louis.

Mr. Edwin Douglas was a caller at the school on Monday.

Lottie Jennings was absent Monday, on account of sickness.

Mr. Chas. Paige was taken suddenly ill (?) at noon last Friday.

Miss Anna Closson will spend Christmas vacation in Hillsdale.

Rev. N. C. Brundage led the devotional exercises on Monday.

Miss Ruby Neville will go to Jamestown next week for vacation.

Bertha Reed returned to school on Monday, after a two weeks' illness.

Rhetta Chapman rendered an amusing recitation at the exercises on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. White from the East were guests of the school, during the week.

Final examination this week in philosophy, German and a few other studies.

Jennie Seabury and Jennie Clapp are out of school this week on account of sickness.

Fine Christmas exercises will be rendered this (Friday) afternoon in Miss Bryar's room.

Winnie Woodman gave a very pleasing account of the news of the week, on Monday last.

The reading table appears to be giving good satisfaction—to the trio—Wib, Bert and Charles.

Prof. Wilson will attend the state teachers' association at Lansing during the coming week.

The school was favored by two well rendered selections by Miss Ticknor, Monday morning.

Elizabeth and May have bought an interest in Lawton. They go to look after it every Saturday.

Among the Monday morning visitors we noticed Miss Irene Waters and Miss White from the state of New York.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, the "Echoes from the big brick" will not echo until Jan. 10, 1896.

Our school expects a rare treat whenever Miss Jane Broughton sings, and we were not disappointed on Monday morning last.

Prof. Wilson received word the first of the week that the buildings on his father's place near Ridgeway, Mich., had been entirely destroyed by fire.

The same young gentleman who, at a recent gathering, caused a little girl to remark: "You must like her pretty well," simply because he and the little girl's big sister were sitting on the same sofa, had the misfortune to invert his cutter last Friday evening and quickly dump himself and ladies all in a heap and in the snow too. But "Buckskin" didn't run, and after a few cries such as "Stop!" "Oh, don't!" etc., all was over, and the unlucky trio went on their way rejoicing.

Constipation is the cause of all sorts of serious disorders of the blood. Strong cathartics are worse than useless. Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's own remedy for troubles of this sort.

County and State.

This season 800 acres were planted to peppermint at Decatur, from which there was distilled 30,000 pounds of oil, being a considerable percentage of the world's crop. The yield of oil per acre ranged from ten to sixty pounds, the latter figure being far in excess of that of other mint growing regions. In addition to the production of peppermint and celery, there were grown this season on this erstwhile worthless land 25,000 bushels of potatoes and 20,000 bushels of onions, as well as large amounts of cabbages, carrots and other vegetables.

At five o'clock Friday morning of last week, Conductor J. A. Pierce of the Grand Trunk, discovered 1 1/2 miles east of Marcellus a farm house in flames. The engineer sounded the fire alarm, which failed to arouse the inmates. The train stopped and Brakesmen Baker and Ewing kicked the door in and rescued the family, consisting of man, wife and four children, taking them out of their beds. The house was completely destroyed and part of the furniture saved. The family would undoubtedly have lost their lives only for the timely aid rendered by the railroad men.

Council Proceedings.

At a regular meeting of the village council, held Monday evening, there were present Trustees Hathaway, Thayer, Snow, Koons and Cole. George W. Kessler was employed for another year as electrician, at a salary of \$45 per month, and James Whelpley, as assistant, at \$30 per month.

The following claims were allowed:

George Kessler, half month's salary	\$23.50
James Whelpley	15.00
Titus & McNeil, insurance	62.56
Electric Appliance Co., supplies	25.60
The Standard Carbon Co.	56.14
George Butler, draying	2.10
J. C. Warner, wood and oil tank	4.00
F. B. Lord, salary	3.00
W. H. Mason, salary	8.35
F. B. Lord, scraping walks	2.00
B. W. Hipp, lumber	74.45
L. McDougal, day's work	.61
F. Cutter, work on water trough	2.00
George Butler, drawing engine to practice	6.00
W. W. Fowler, pole for ladder wagon	1.50
Total	\$285.77

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Freight 3 35 p m
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